

(a) whether the Government of Karnataka has requested the Union Government for supply for LSHS fuel for the first unit of Diesel Generator Power Plant being set up at Velahanka, Bangalore; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Union Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAD): (a) and (b). Government had received a request for supply of 135 of L.S.H.S. for 120 MW Velahanka Diesel Engine Power Plant and a decision has been taken to supply the same, subject to product availability.

Import of Petroleum Products

4766. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had signed an agreement with petronas, a Malaysian oil company for the import of petroleum products;

(b) if so, the details thereof?

(c) whether the Government have suspended purchasing of oil from Malaysia; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (d). The term contract with Petromas is for supply of 0.5 MMT of crude oil. The term contracts with petco are for the supply of 1 MMT of crude oil and 1.49 MMT of petroleum products. Supplies from neither have been stopped.

[Translation]

Cost of cultivation of Cotton

4767. SHRISURYANARAYAN YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the per hectare cost of cultivation of cotton during 1990-91 and 1991-92, State-wise; and

(b) the support price of cotton during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMCHANDRAN): (a) The cost of cultivation of Kapas for 1990-91 and 1991-92 is not available. However, this cost for other latest years for some of the States is given below:

States	Cost of cultivation per hectare (in Rs.)	
	1987-88	1988-89
Andhra Pradesh	4330.40	-
Karnataka	4118.37	-
Haryana	3994.72	3825.04
Punjab	6594.17	6514.42

(b) The support price of Kapas during 1990-91 for F-414/H-777 variety was Rs. 620/- per quintal and for H-4 it was Rs. 750/- per quintal. During 1991-92 these prices were Rs. 695/- and Rs. 840/- per quintal respectively.

Cattle Breeding Centres

4768. SHRISURYANARAYAN YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up new cattle breeding centres in Bihar;